Opening a road from Quilon to Mukhattala.

425. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the work of opening a road from Quilon to Mukhattala has been stopped now (12-6-1104) after finishing a portion near Pattattanam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was proposed to take up the road in three sections, one after another. The Government had sanctioned an estimate only for the first section. In January 1929, administrative sanction was accorded to the taking up of the other two sections also. The estimate for the portion of the road from Pattattanam to Mukhattala is under preparation in the Division Office, and the work will be taken up after the estimate is sanctioned and funds allotted.

Conservancy station at Ankamali.

426. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any suggestion has been received by them or the Sanitary Commissioner from anybody for the conversion of the present minor conservancy station at Ankamali into a major one; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Sanitary Commissioner has reported that he has received a petition from the inhabitants of Ankamali for the conversion of the minor conservancy station at Ankamali into a major station.

(*b*) The recommendation received from the Sanitary Commissioner on the matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Rent for occupying camp-sheds.

427. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which the officers of the Public Works Department alone are exempted from the payment of rent when they occupy camp-sheds in Travancore, while the officers of other departments are being charged for occupying the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to page 304 of the *Travancore Almanac and Directory* for 1929, containing the rules for the occupation of camp-sheds in the State. The assumption that the officers of the Public Works Department are exempt from payment of rent for occupying camp-sheds in the State is incorrect.

Public Works for the benefit of depressed classes.

428. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties felt by the members of the depressed classes in their being asked to do the major portion of the work connected with the construction of roads and sinking of wells; and

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